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WEATHER.

Western Oregon, Western Washington—Increasing cloudiness; cooler except near coast. Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, Idaho—Fair and continued warm.

ASTORIAN'S FIGHT.

The Portland Oregonian, and all its up-river pets in the newspaper line, may make up their minds to the fact that the Morning Astorian knows its exact attitude in the fight it is putting up for the Columbia River bar improvement, and does not need any coaching to amplify its thorough understanding of the real and pretended position of the great daily at the metropolis, on this question.

The miserable pretense that Portland is in favor of a forty-foot channel across that bar don't pass muster in a city and county that have been waiting for half a century for the unbottling of the greatest river in the Northwest, the broadest, grandest artery that any State, or set of states, in the Union ever boasted as accessory to commerce. We are not satisfied with the husks of achievement wrought in the year past; we know we are entitled to more; we know that the millions spent on the upper river should have been applied to the primal, pivotal, all-essential task of creating a permanent channel at the mouth of the Columbia before anything was done to mend the inland channels; and this, not for our particular good, but for the good of the whole State, The Dalles, and its Optimist, included. We know that these mid-state improvements were made for the direct and sole benefit of Portland, and we do not blame Portland for engineering them and reaping all the good she could from them, but we are not idiotic enough to believe, for a moment, that if Portland's alleged interest in the bar had always been what she declares it, we would be waiting for results all these years.

Had her people nothing to fear from a deep, broad and lasting channel over this bar, it would have been there all the time for the past twenty-five years. And had it been there this city would have had the common-point rate on grain stuffs, another deprivation for which she has Portland to thank, since that city would rather see every bushel of Oregon grain sent abroad from the Puget Sound docks at an advanced cost, rather than come to this port at the lesser rate.

We are here, close to the seat of this controversy; we are earnest and honest in our claim for what is logically due us, and is kept from us only because of Portland's corporate and commercial greed, backed by the fear that things might so shape themselves at this end of the river as to interfere with her shipping.

If we had what is rightfully ours, The Dalles itself, and its tributary country, would be the gainer by half a million dollars a year that the O. R. & N. now takes from the pockets of the East Oregonians on wheat alone; and apropos of this, the Astorian begs to advise the Optimist that this fight is none of its business, however much its sycophantic devotion to the Oregonian may prompt it to "but in"; we know what we want, and we are going after it, and we do not appreciate the gratuitous meddling of any sheet in the State, especially one that has simply to echo the "man in the tall tower" for want of anything orig-

inal to say in the premise. This fight has been buried for years in an avalanche of sophistical and misleading detail thrown upon it and around it by the Oregonian and we propose to go to first principles and stay there until the justice of our claim is admitted in quarters where the city of Portland and its press is not altogether omnipotent. To be continued in our next!

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Times might be a great deal easier in Russia if the inhabitants didn't spend so much money for bombs and vodka.

One of the professors says that "ages ago man was ruled by woman." If that was the case things haven't changed much.

Evansville, Ind., girls have formed a Single Blessedness Club. We may safely regard this as merely another case of beau-baiting.

A thousand woman jam a store at St. Joseph, Mo., to buy dishpans at cut rates; two women are fatally and seven others seriously injured.

A Tennessee man wants Congress to pass a law against peek-a-boo waists. He must possess an unholy desire to get Congress to hunt for trouble.

A piece of ground five inches wide was sold in New York recently for \$2,000. The purchaser probably intends to put a thirty-five story building on it.

A New York man wants a divorce because his wife has become stout. This should make business brisk for the people who are selling anti-fat medicines.

The chief of police of Seattle has ordered all prize fighters to leave that town or go to work. Cruel man! Perhaps the poor fighters are to strong to work.

A Pennsylvania undertaker advertises that "those who try our coffins will use no others." As a general proposition any undertaker would be dead safe in advertising that.

The Irish potato crop is reported to be a failure. However, Germany is prepared to furnish Ireland with potatoes, just as she is ready to ship coal to Newcastle and beer to Milwaukee.

E. H. Harriman is said to have made profits amounting to \$10,000,000 in a recent railroad deal. We hope he didn't get any of it from poor scrubwomen or hardworking men who have been saving a little at a time in order to have something for the rainy day.

Seventeen big breweries have organized a trust. Their plants turn out annually 2,300,000 barrels of beer. Beer drinkers can bust it if they will by calling for the product of independent concerns, but the best course to pursue is to drink no beer. No drink, no buy, no sales, break up of the trust or financial ruin.

A new idea in stealing was reported to the Kansas City prosecuting attorney one day this week. A woman gave her feather beds to a cleaner, weighing the feathers before and after, and found that they came home thirty pounds short. It is not possible that there could have been thirty pounds of dirt in them, so she claimed that that amount was stolen.

The latest belt idea for linen gowns is one made of Scotch plaid, the colors so skilfully crossed and combined that there is no tendency to make the waist look large. Soft wide silk is used to make them of, although a few are of patent leather. Blue and green effects are best liked. An occasional woman wears plaid stockings to match with patent leather pumps.

When one contemplates the number of young men who go about with their hair parted in the middle or hanging fiercely over their foreheads so as to obscure all traces of intellect, and so many young women with hair worn frizzily-frowsily and flopping about in fifty different directions, we are somewhat disgusted and are not surprised that the followers of Darwin hold to the belief that mankind descended from the monkey tribe.

To Mrs. Nicholas Longworth waking to grown up life in the White House, trained to society as an official duty, and rushing into the whirl of a honeymoon before she was out of that of a fresh debutante, society and dress still offer unalloyed pleasure. Abroad, as formerly at home, she is still representing the nation, and in gayety she must find the business of life. The work she does in this semi-official way is enormous, and only the other day it was

estimated that, as Alice Roosevelt, in a little over a year she attended over 400 dinners—company dinners, that is—400 balls and other evening parties, 680 teas and that during this period she shook hands with some 40,000 people and paid 2,000 calls. When she was being dined and feted in London, not to mention, being presented with its train of festivities, besides the dinners that have been given her by royalty, everybody even in London was astonished at her staying power.

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